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The attached report details a recent and intense Soviet campaign to influence the upcoming Nonaligned Summit in Harare through disinformation aimed at the United States. In our view, this campaign could influence the summit's proceedings and final communique. If you have any questions or comments regarding this report, you may call me [redacted]

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MEMORANDUM

Soviet Disinformation Campaign Aimed at Harare Nonaligned Summit

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1. Third World and Soviet press coverage of alleged US plots to sabotage this month's summit of the Nonaligned Movement (NAM) in Harare, Zimbabwe reflects a Soviet-orchestrated disinformation campaign aimed at creating an anti-US climate at the meeting. At the same time, several forgeries suggesting plots to assassinate African leaders and alleging US-South African military collaboration--probably also intended to foster anti-US sentiment at the summit--have surfaced. These disinformation activities may have little impact on the individual country targeted. Nonetheless, these allegations of US misdeeds are likely to be recounted at the summit, reinforcing already strident anti-US rhetoric and sentiment within the NAM. The anti-US tone of the summit will likely carry forward into proposed Third World resolutions for this fall's UN General Assembly session.

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2. Recurring Themes in Soviet and Third World Press. Third World and Soviet media coverage alleging US threats against the NAM has increased since June in anticipation of the upcoming NAM summit which begins 26 August. The allegations, which have appeared in the media of the USSR and its allies such as Angola, Nicaragua, and North Korea, center around three basic themes:

- o The CIA is spending \$15-20 million to sabotage the Nonaligned Movement summit;
- o The United States continues to cooperate with South Africa in planning military operations against southern African countries to disrupt the summit;
- o The United States is trying to destroy NAM unity by pressuring members to take pro-US positions on certain issues--for example, Afghanistan, Cambodia, and disarmament.

The similarity of the themes and language of these charges (see Appendix A) strongly suggests a campaign orchestrated by Moscow. Review of Soviet academic literature indicates that the Soviets are trying to regain what they perceive to be a loss in the Non-Aligned Movement's leftist momentum. Additionally, Moscow is probably attempting to influence the summit to focus on issues which maximize anti-imperialist themes, such as apartheid, and away from topics on which the Soviets are vulnerable--for example, Afghanistan and Cambodia.

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3. Pre-Summit Forgeries. Several forgeries relating to or having an impact on the NAM summit have surfaced alleging US plans to assassinate or overthrow Third World leaders (see Appendix B). While there is no direct evidence linking these forgeries to Moscow, past Soviet involvement in surfacing NAM-related forgeries--such as the "Kirkpatrick forgery"¹ before the 1983 summit in New Delhi--suggests a Soviet role. Whether or not Moscow is the instigator of all these forgeries, the Soviet press is poised to take full advantage of their anti-US thrust should they become public. [REDACTED]

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4. Prospects. These Soviet disinformation efforts are designed to reinforce and heighten already strident anti-US sentiment within the Nonaligned Movement. Moscow's tactic is likely to be successful in this forum because moderate NAM members are unlikely to refute allegations publicly during the summit for fear of being labeled US surrogates. Moreover, the Soviet allegations reinforce existing African and Third World perceptions on many key issues, most notably alleged US cooperation with South Africa. Uncontested, these allegations will circulate at the meeting and may increase the degree to which the United States is criticized by name in the summit's proceedings and final communique. The anti-US tone of the summit will likely carry forward into proposed Third World resolutions during this fall's UN General Assembly where NAM members constitute a majority. [REDACTED]

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¹The Kirkpatrick forgery, which surfaced in the Pro-Soviet Indian newspaper the Patriot two weeks before the New Delhi summit, alleged that former US Ambassador to the UN Jeanne Kirkpatrick helped author a "balkanization" plan for India. This was an alleged US plan that would divide up India and other Third World countries so that the United States could gain economic and political advantages. Although the allegation was effectively prevented from being published in mainstream Indian newspapers at the time of the summit, the story was replayed in other pro-Soviet publications, and still gets press coverage today in India and in a few other Third World countries. [REDACTED]

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Appendix A

Chronology of Press Allegations Regarding the Nonaligned Movement

<u>Date</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Allegation</u>
04/25/86	TASS, Moscow TV	Ambassador Walters "openly threatened" the Nonaligned Movement saying the United States will not forget statements made during Security Council debate on Libya.
06/02/86	Radio Peace and Progress	Western media have begun campaign to split the NAM; United States uses Pakistan in its undeclared war in Afghanistan.
06/05/86	Radio Moscow in English	United States and South Africa have a plan to foil NAM summit, citing Indian paper that CIA is providing money for subversion.
06/07/86	Hanoi International	Indian press claims United States schemes to sabotage Harare summit.
06/08/86	Radio Moscow in Mandarin	The imperialists are using the Cambodian issue to sabotage the NAM summit.
06/10/86	Radio Moscow in Mandarin	South Africa, with CIA support, endeavors to sabotage Nonaligned summit.

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06/13/86	Radio Peace and Progress	United States and South Africa seek to undermine NAM summit. Report cites ANC representative and Indian press that South African raid on Zimbabwe and US attack on Libya are part of "neoglobalist" policy.
07/07/86	Radio Peace and Progress	CIA is stepping up subversion for NAM summit citing <u>Indian Telegraph</u> on US arms deliveries to Pakistan, and <u>Far East Economic Review</u> on US pressure on ASEAN members in an effort to split movement and liquidate its anti-imperialist orientation.
07/11/86	Radio Moscow in English	Indian newspaper reports that NATO intelligence organizations allocated \$200 million to wreck NAM summit.
07/12/86	Radio Moscow in Burmese	The United States is supporting Khmer exiles to create tension within ASEAN and other countries, and stepping up anti-PRK activities as NAM summit approaches.
07/13/86	Radio Moscow in Persian	Zimbabwe Democratic Society of Lawyers claim that reactionary powers have started attacks against the NAM to destroy its unity.
07/15/86	Radio Peace and Progress	Indian paper alleges that the CIA allocated funds to sabotage the Harare summit. The USSR always demonstrates goodwill toward movement while the US tries to sabotage it; Third World countries should draw their own conclusions from this.

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07/22/86	Radio Moscow in Bengali	The United States is trying to subvert summit by continuing arms race, especially the "star wars" program.
07/28/86	Angola Radio, Portuguese	American secret services allocate \$15 million to sabotage NAM summit. The United States ordered attacks on Zambia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibe Harbor to disrupt conference and has additional plans to invade Angola and the Frontline states before 30 July.
07/30/86	Pyongyang KCNA in English	The CIA is craftily and maliciously scheming to tear asunder the summit by allocating \$20 million to instigate reactionaries.
07/31/86	Pyongyang Domestic	The CIA has disbursed \$20 million to destroy summit. The United States maligns the Zimbabwe government and threatens NAM members in effort to destroy its unity.
07/31/86	Pyongyang Domestic	Report denounces Reagan Administration for maneuvers against NAM conference.
08/01/86	Pyongyang KCNA in English	The CIA allots \$20 million to frustrate NAM summit.
08/01/86	Pyongyang Domestic	Nepalese weekly has disclosed that the CIA has disbursed \$20 million to destroy summit.
08/02/86	Hanoi Domestic	Zimbabwe's Information Minister condemned the CIA for plotting to sabotage Nonaligned summit.

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08/08/86	Kabul Bakhtar in English	Indian press reports that the CIA allocated \$20 million to undermine the NAM summit.
08/86	Nicaraguan News Agency	The United States is seeking to disrupt the NAM general assembly meeting in Harare.
08/11/86	Radio Moscow in English	The CIA and South Africa are trying to sabotage the forthcoming Nonaligned summit, and are interfering with internal affairs of nonaligned countries.

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